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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Robert Mann BRADBURY, et al.

Application No.: 09/825,944

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Title: CONTAINER UNLOADING APPARATUS

Art Unit: 3652

Examiner: James Keenan

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 11, 2002

Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed on April 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2, and amend claims 1, 3 and 13 to read as follows:

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1. (Amended) Apparatus for unloading containers for rod-like articles, comprising:
a carrier for receiving a full container in a receiving position in a first orientation; and

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